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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	1089.0490000/ALF/NRK
First Inventor	Masahiro FUJII
Title	Dispensing Device, Dispensing Method and Method of Detecting Defective Discharge of Solution Containing Biological Sample
Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 33]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawings (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages _____]

- a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76.

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program
(Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)

- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ A Copy of IDS Citation

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

14. ☒ Two (2) Return Receipt Postcards (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

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☐ Other:

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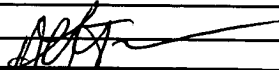
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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Appl. No. *To Be Assigned*; Filed: HERewith
For: **Dispensing Device, Dispensing Method and Method of Detecting
Defective Discharge of Solution Containing Biological Sample**
Inventors: FUJIII *et al.*
Our Ref: 1089.0490000/ALF/NRK

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/05);
2. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

**Dispensing Device, Dispensing Method and Method of Detecting Defective
Discharge of Solution Containing Biological Sample**

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the application consisting of:

- a. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);

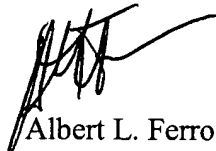
- b. A specification containing:
 - i. 25 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 7 pages of claims (27 claims); and
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - c. 7 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1-7, 8A-8C, and 9-12);
- and
- 3. Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3);
 - 4. Information Disclosure Statement;
 - 5. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 page) listing one (1) document (AL1);
 - 6. A copy of the document listed on Form PTO/SB/08A; and
 - 7. Two (2) return postcards.

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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration and without filing fee.

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